6.8.1997 but has not been commissioned so far due to some manufacturing defects in the generating equipment. Retification work is already in progress by the supplier of generating equipment.

Inclusion of Power in the Central List

3574. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for removal of power from the concurrent list and inclusion of the same in Central list giving full responsibility to Central Government is under consideration of Government to attract direct foreign investment desired by international and internal financial institutions;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard in recent years; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of Power in A.P.

3575. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Power in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has been denied due share in Power Sector;

(d) if so, the details of new schemes proposed for Andhra Pradesh for improvement in voltage and its production;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the power tariff for farmers has been hiked from 35 paise to 50 paise w.e.f. April 1, 2001; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?